IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Benson

Application No. : 10/566,847

Attorney Docket No. : 200400034

Group Art Unit : 4132

Examiner : Guidotti, Laura Cole

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For: Methods and materials for making a monolithic porous pad cast onto a rotatable base

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.11; EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A); INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(C)(2)

Commissioner for Patents Mailstop Amendments P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is a reply to the Office Action, date mailed March 6, 2009, which issued in connection with the above-identified application. The three month statutory period for a reply to this Office Action expired June 6, 2009. Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a 1 month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a reply within the first month and for the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 for any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this reply. This Response is being timely filed.

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